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UKRAINIAN FASCISTS AND PENNSYLVANIA TRAIN WRECK

In connection with the Pennsylvania Railroad train wreck which occurred on March 16 and caused the death of five persons, The Hour urges an immediate investigation by the federal authorities of the Ukrainian terrorist groups active in and about Pittsburgh.

The Cleveland-to-Pittsburgh express was derailed by saboteurs within twenty miles of Pittsburgh. The area surrounding this industrial city is infested with cells of the ODWU (Organization for the Rebirth of the Ukraine) and the Hetman, twin Ukrainian fascist bands.

Both of these Fifth Column groups receive instructions from Nazi Germany. The ODWU operates under the Provid ("directing body") in Berlin, which is supervised by the Intelligence Division of the German War Office. Provid members undergo a period of training at an "Espionage and Sabotage School" in Berlin.

Contact between the Provid and the various fascist Ukrainian affiliates in this country is maintained by liaison officers, specialists in espionage and sabotage work. Captain Leonid Klimenko is a Provid agent. He came to the United States from Germany on a mysterious mission a few months ago and only recently returned to the Third Reich.

The Hour has learned that while here Captain Klimenko held secret conferences with leading fascist Ukrainians in Pittsburgh.

Significant Clues

Among those injured in the Pennsylvania Railroad wreck was Vassil Shebatura. Shebatura, who works closely with ODWU and Hetman members, is secretary of the Ukrainian National Mutual Aid Society. It may be mere coincidence that during Leonid Klimenko's recent visit to Pittsburgh, he met privately with Vassil Shebatura.

At the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing held in Pittsburgh on March 20, experts expressed the belief that the derailment plot was aimed at the 13-car Manhattan Limited which had passed over the same



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tracks some twenty minutes before the Cleveland-to-Pittsburgh express was wrecked. Also, it was learned at the hearing that a group of U. S. Army men were aboard the Manhattan Express, and that the train carried forty-four Russians, "part of a group of engineers and diplomats who arrived at San Pedro, California, from Vladivostok on March 12." It is a well-known fact that the ODWU and the Hetman are violently anti-Soviet and that much of their work has been directed against the present government of Russia.

Key Ukrainians

Among the Ukrainian fascists who have been operating in and about Pittsburgh during the last few months are the following:

Ivan Baran, whose name was linked with that of Theodore Wozniak in connection with the famed Black Tom explosion. Lately Baran has been traveling considerably in the United States and has become a frequent visitor to Pittsburgh.

Vassil Avramenko, who is an intimate of Baran and usually travels with him. He has organized a "film company" which specializes in taking pictures of industrial centers, bridges, roads, etc. He works closely with the ODWU and plays a leading role in fascist Ukrainian activity in Pittsburgh and other centers.

Kalina Lissiuk, who is a bigwig in fascist Ukrainian circles and periodically visits Germany. When the Nazi-Ukrainian agent Captain Leonid Klimonko was in this country, Lissiuk worked closely with him. Lissiuk is a constant traveler between New York City and Pittsburgh. When in New York he can usually be located at the Musart Film Products, Inc., at 33 West 42nd Street. Japanese as well as Nazi agents occasionally drop in at this address.

The first individual in New York City to be informed (by urgent message) of Shabatura's being injured in the train wreck was Luke Myshuha, editor of the Ukrainian-language newspaper Svoboda. It was Svoboda which recently printed, for the enlightenment of its readers, a series of articles giving detailed instructions in the making of bombs and other explosives.

Addenda

There are many indications that Nazi Germany intends to use its Ukrainian henchmen in the United States for large-scale sabotage activity. Ukrainian fascists are expert at such work; and hundreds of them are today strategically located in industrial centers throughout this country. An immediate investigation of their entire network is of vital importance.

In urging an investigation of Nazi-Ukrainian sabotage activity, The Hour considers it important to point out that the ODWU, the Hetman and the other fascist Ukrainian groups represent a minority movement in the Ukrainian-American community, that the vast majority of Ukrainian-Americans are staunchly pro-democratic, and that they have been carrying on a militant struggle against the Hitlerite elements in their ranks.

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VERNE MARSHALL CONFERS WITH MIDWEST FASCISTS

The Hour learns that Verne Marshall, ace appeaser and chairman of the No Foreign War Committee, has recently conferred with U. S. Fifth Columnists Charles B. Hudson and Charles W. Phillips. Hudson, who publishes America In Danger in Omaha, Nebraska, and Phillips, who issues The Individualist in Lincoln, Nebraska, are well-known for their pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic sentiments. Both are said to have given Marshall expert advice on the handling of "the Jew Question."

Consequent to Marshall's conferences with these gentlemen, the New York offices of the No Foreign War Committee has been distributing free copies of The Individualist. America In Danger has received similar promotion and a bulk quantity of this Jew-baiting weekly is expected to arrive soon at 331 Madison Avenue, where the Committee's headquarters are now located.

The pro-fascist appeasement policies of Verne Marshall's committee are apparently following an inevitable path.

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STRANGE ACTIVITIES AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

As scheduled (see The Hour for March 22), Luke Myshuha, former Nazi radio guest and present editor of the fascistic Ukrainian-language newspaper, Svoboda, delivered a lecture at Columbia University on the evening of March 28. His lecture was one of a series, sponsored by Professor Clarence A. Manning, on topics dealing with the Ukraine.

Students vigorously protested to the university administration against Myshuha's lecture; and for a time Myshuha and Professor Manning were seriously considering cancelling the affair. Apparently deciding, however, that such an act might increase already adequate suspicions, they went ahead with the lecture.

Myshuha was well protected against any possible disturbance. Two gangs of his followers, one from Yonkers and the other from Newark, attended the lecture. These toughs crowded into the hall, filling the front rows, keeping a careful lookout for any oppositional elements. At appropriate intervals, their applause shook the auditorium. Conspicuous by their absence from the meeting were Ukrainian students and intellectuals.

There was no question period. The moment Myshuha finished speaking, he walked from the stage. He was obviously taking no chances. Perhaps he had been warned that two of the questions which were going to be put to him were: "How did you happen to be in Berlin in 1938, speaking over a Nazi-controlled radio network?" and "Why did your newspaper Svoboda

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recently print a series of articles giving minute details on the making of bombs and other explosives?"

Federal agents attended the lecture. During the evening, they were approached by one of Professor Manning's assistants. He was overheard explaining to them that Myshuha was in many respects comparable to Abraham Lincoln.

Ukrainian Fascists Using Columbia University As Headquarters

A weird conglomeration of Ukrainian fascists appear to be making Columbia University a center for their activities. Luke Myshuha and his cohorts are only a portion of the Fifth Column brigade. Members of the ODWU and the Hetman appear daily on the campus. It is said they now even fondly refer to the university as their Alma Mater.

Prominent among these Ukrainians is Vladimir Dushnyck. This is the same Dushnyck who, according to testimony given before the Dies Committee, was arrested in Belgium on charges of German espionage activities. Since his arrival in the United States, he has been one of the key contact men for the Nazi-directed ODWU. Among his various ventures in this country was editing The Trident, official ODWU publication. Today he is frequently seen in the company of Professor Clarence Manning and Dr. Arthur Coleman, the professor's assistant.

On the day that Myshuha lectured at Columbia, the following advertisement appeared in his newspaper Svoboda, under the caption of "Translator Wanted":

"All those young Americans of Ukrainian descent who read Ukrainian and who are interested in a position as translator paying \$1,800 to \$2,300 a year are requested to see Dr. Arthur Prudden Coleman tonight, March 28th, at 7:30, in Room 305 Schermerhorn Hall, Columbia University, New York City, for a preliminary interview."

In his examination of the applicants for the job, Dr. Coleman was assisted by none other than Vladimir Dushnyck. According to reliable reports, Dushnyck himself is slated to get the position. The unusually late appearance of the announcement of the "preliminary interview," the fact that barely fifteen minutes in all was allotted to the applicants, Dushnyck's role as assistant at the examination -- all indicate that this ODWU agent has already been selected for the job and that the various preliminaries are but for the sake of appearances.

The Hour feels that these and other Ukrainian fascist activities at Columbia University deserve the attention of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, who has lately committed himself so strongly to the defense of democracy.